



ANAHATA
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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



PROGRESS REPORT

January 2024 to December 2024



Supported by

Anahata Stiftung

Germany

Implemented by

Prabhath Rural Development Society

Kothacheruvu,

Sri Satya Sai District, INDIA



Prabhath Rural Development Society (PRDS) is aptly supported by **Anahata Stiftung**, Germany for the past several years in the field of Women Empowerment.

During the year starting from 1st January 2024 and ending with 31st December 2024, Anahata Stiftung continued its support in organizing various programs in the PRDS project villages. Different activities and programs taken up by PRDS during the period under report are :

- Tailoring Programme : Kothacheruvu, Bukkapatnam and Puttaparthi.
- Computer programme: Kothacheruvu centre.
- Women's day celebration
- Support to Children - Educational Material
- Support to Muslim women
- Construction of water tub for providing drinking water to animals.
- Sewing machines to poor women
- Eye care programme.
- Shishu Gruha - Support for providing basic amenities

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Anahata Stiftung, Germany, on behalf of the organization as well as the communities in our project area, for supporting our organization in the successful implementation of all the above programs which have been proved as very helpful to the communities we are associated with.

A brief note of each of the program implemented is presented in the ensuing pages of this report.



TAILORING PROGRAMME

As reported in the previous reports also, the 3 tailoring centres set up by PRDS with the support of Anahata Stiftung, i.e., in Kothacheruvu, Bukkapatnam and Puttaparthi are performing well and the women are showing more interest to come and learn the skills in tailoring.

While the women are trained on one side, PRDS is also supporting such of those women who do not have their own sewing machines, to come to the centre and get stitch if they get any sewing assignment from which they will make some income to this family. This initiative of PRDS has got extreme appreciation from the trained women, as they can make some money from their learnt skill even though they do not have a sewing machine of their own.

A total of 260 women underwent training in our 3 training centre during the reporting period. The details are tabulated hereunder.

S.No	Name of the Centre	January to June- 2024	July to December- 2024	Total
1	Kothacheruvu	77	95	172
2	Puttaparthi	20	25	45
3	Bukkapatnam	27	25	43
Total		124	145	260





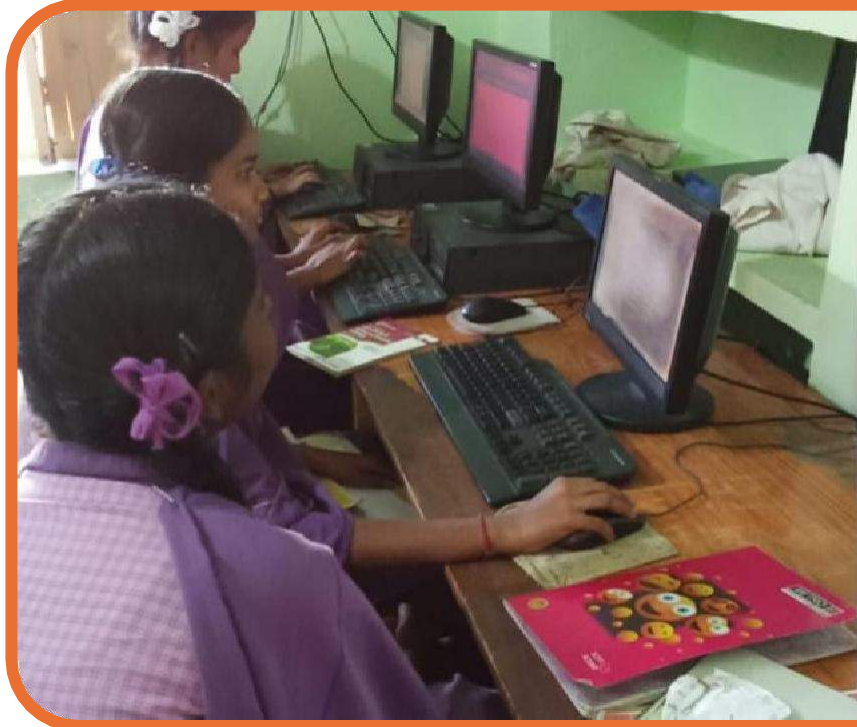
COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAMME

As reported for the past few years, with the support of Anahata Stiftung, PRDS is running the computer training centre to provide computer skills to the students who are in their schools and colleges now, and also to those who have completed their studies. We are providing training in MS Office, Photoshop, and Tally.

The trainings of this institute is being utilized by the students during their short-term holidays and summer holidays too. Young girls and boys studying in their 7th standard and above also come with a great enthusiasm to learn, and are happy to gain technical skills in computers.

A total of 180 candidates got training during this year in the 6 months course, the details of which are tabulated hereunder.

S.No	Name of the Centre	January to June-2024	July to December-2024	Total
1	Kothacheruvu	106	74	180
Total		106	74	180





WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

International Women's Day was celebrated at the PRDS Office in Kothacheruvu on April 1st, 2024, with the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress."

Over 70 women from local villages attended, hearing from speakers who emphasized women's rights, equality, and the importance of education.

Mrs. Angela Dickson, the chief guest, highlighted the crucial roles women play in society and encouraged them to pursue their own empowerment.

PRDS showcased its support for women through initiatives like tailoring centers, computer training, and the successful Holy Cow Project, which provides sustainable income through dairying.

Four women were recognized for effectively utilizing the support provided by the Holy Cow program. At the end of the day, PRDS has facilitated these four women, i.e., (1) Mrs. P. Sujatha from Lingareddy Palli; (2) Mrs. S. Gangulamma from Jagarajupalli; (3) Mrs. C. Sankamma from Jagarajupalli; and (4) Mrs. M. Venkatalakshmi from Jagarajupalli, for the best utilization of support provided under the holy cow programme.





SUPPORT TO CHILDREN

One of the very important activities of Anahata Stiftung is to support the students coming from the rural economically backward families. These children need note books, pens, pencils, slates, etc., to continue their schooling without any problems.

During the period under reporting educational material was supplied to a total of 126 students as detailed below.

- 1) 1st August 2023 - A total of 45 students of MPP School, Jagarajupalli.
- 2) 2nd August 2023 - A total of 81 Students of M.P.P. School, Prasanthigram, opp. Satya Sai Super Speciality Hospital.

The package of items includes - Slates, Note Books, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Sharpener, Geometry Boxes, Vibhuti, Swamy's photo, Chocolates, Coombs and Bananas.

During the small meetings conducted on these occasions, the children were explained about what good habits are and how to grow and prosper as good citizens supporting the fellow humans and all living beings on this earth.

Ms. Lallithaji and Ms. Angela Dickson attended and distributed stationery. The students were happy to receive these gifts and have expressed their gratitude to the sponsors - Anahata Stiftung, Germany.





Support to Muslim women

Since its inception, Prabhat Rural Development Society, it is involved in promoting secular approach by getting involved in several activities, reflecting the culture and traditions of our Great country. It extends support to the economically poor families on occasions of festivals and other such celebrations. In this connection for the past several years, respecting the traditions of Muslims the organization supplies a gift of dry ration to poor Muslim and Non-Muslim families during the Ramadan Days.

During the reporting year also, with the support of Anahata Stiftung, Prabhat Rural Development Society distributed dry a package of dry ration items to 100 families which contained 7 items.

Wheat flour: 2 Kgs
Red gram: 1 Kg
Sugar: 1 kg
Vermicelli: 1 Kg
Groundnut: ½ Kg
Upma Ravva: 1 Kg
and
cooking oil: 1 lt.

On 19th C 20th April 2023, 50 families in Kothacheruvu and 50 families in Bukkapatnam were presented with this package in its office located in Kothacheruvu. Ms. Monika Anna Muller, Mrs. Angela Dickson, Mrs. Lalitha Javaharilal, Mr. Prabhakar, the Secretary of PRDS and the staff of the organization were present on this occasion. To promote eco-environmental conditions these items were supplied in cotton bags.





CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TUB

Both Anantapur and Sri Saty Sai districts (erstwhile Anantapur District) are the worst drought affected districts in India, with severe water problems, particularly during the summer period. The people, in the rural areas, somehow manage with this problem by fetching water from far away water resources like irrigation bores, or borewells situated in one street or the other within the village.

However, it is a harsh period for the livestock, i.e., the Cows, Buffaloes, Bullocks, Sheep and Goat, and even the flying birds, which suffer a lot due to lack of water for drinking. It is a fact that several livestock owners sell their livestock during this period, as they could not provide water and fodder to them.

Noticing the severity of this problem in **Jagarajupalli** village PRDS has requested ANAHATA STIFTUNG, Germany, to support the organization to take-up construction of a water tub in the village, from where the animals can drink water and quench their thirst. Having got sanctioned, the work has been initiated, and a water tub is constructed in the outskirts of the village, which is the main place for the livestock to go to the fields and comeback. Water is being continuously stored in this tub, and the animals can come and drink water at any time.

The villagers are expressing their heartfelt gratitude for this great asset being constructed in their village, which caters to the drinking water needs of the livestock.





PROVIDING SEWING MACHINES TO POOR WOMEN

As reported in the earlier part of this report, PRDS is imparting training in tailoring for the past one decade by establishing 3 Tailoring Trainings centres in Kothacheruvu, Puttaparthi, Bukkapatnam and has newly established one more centre in Jagarajupalli. Every year, hundreds of Women and adolescent girls get trained in these centres and making their own income working from home.

However, many of these Sewing trained women do not have sewing machines of their own as they are economically poor to purchase a machine on their own. In this context, a few trainee women have requested PRDS to support them by donating a sewing machine so that they can get the benefit

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES	
Centre	No. of beneficiary women
Bukkapatnam	11
Puttaparthi	5
Kothacheruvu	6
Jagarajupalli	5
TOTAL	27

of their training by working from home. With such continued requests, PRDS submitted a project proposal to **ANAHATA STIFTUNG**, Germany and got it sanction to support 27 women who got trained and are economically in vulnerable conditions.

Pursuant to this, on 29th April 2024, PRDS has purchased 27 Sewing Machines and handed over the same to 27 identified economically poor women. This program was organized in Bukkapatnam and Kothacheruvu Centres, where identified beneficiaries from Bukkapatnam, Puttaparthi, Kothacheruvu and Jagarajpalli were handed over with the machines. PRDS and the beneficiaries are very much thankful to **ANAHATA STIFTUNG** for their kind support to these women from poor families.





EYE CARE PROGRAMME

The eye-check-up and surgery camps conducted by PRDS with the support of Anahata Stiftung were of a great success in the project villages. However, several people did not attend the camp during the first phase of fears of pain and agony during the testing or surgeries. But once they have learnt from the others that the test was very simple and even the surgery was unpainful, several people started demanding for organizing another camp in their villages.

Keeping in view this demand from **Jagarajupalli and Venkatagaripalli** villages, another camp was organized in Jagarajupalli. Patients from both Jagarajupalli and venkatagaripalli attended this camp and got their eyes tested. In addition to this, one more camp of this program was conducted in the **Huts** area located on the road of Kothacheruvu. The members migrant families and also people from **Iragampalli** also attended this camp.

The details of number of patients attended, got tested, given medicines, spectacles and underwent surgeries are tabulated hereunder.

Date	Village	No. of Patients					
		Examined			Given Medicine	Given Spectacles	Opted for Surgery
		Women	Men	Total			
22.02.2024	Jagarajupalli-2 Venkatagaripalli-2	36	17	53	29	6	18
23.02.2024	Huts area, Kothacheruvu, Iragampalli	25	19	44	28	6	10
	Total	61	36	67	57	12	28





SUPPORT TO SHISHU GRUHA

After the bifurcation of Anantapur district into Anantapur and Sri Satya Sai Districts, the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare also started ICDS (Integrated Child Development Society). In connection to this, a Shishu Shishu Gruha, also called as **“Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA)”** - a Child-Care Institution established by the Government, was started in Puttaparthi in a rented building. They have submitted a request to PRDS seeking support in establishing basic amenities for the children in the centre. In turn, PRDS has approached Anahata Stiftung seeking support which was approved.

The material handedover to the Home staff included Gas Stove with cylinder; Cradles and Children’s Beds; Feeding bottles; Toiletry; Medicines; Kitchen wear etc.

Symbolically, Ms. Meeriya, a kind-hearted medical personnel and social worker lighted the newly provided ‘gas-stove’ which is a tradition in the Indian society. Later, there they had short get together with staff discussing about the abandoned children, taking care of them, and the responsibility of each staff members towards dedicating in the noble and extreme humanitarian service to the innocent children. Ms. Meeriya, and Ms. Lalitha Jawaharilal advised the staff to give the children the best they can and treat them like their own children sharing a motherly love and affection.

